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SUBJ: OPERATION BUCCANEER SITREP 2

DEA FOR EN, DURKIN; EOIL, STRICKLER; EPD, SPECIAL PROJECTS;
PASS TO MIAMI RO

1. CURRENT STATUS OF PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT

A. COMMUNICATIONS: DELAY IN DELIVERY OF SOME CRITICAL ITEMS OF COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT FROM THE MOTOROLA FACTORY TO JAMAICA HAS CAUSED INSTALLATION OF THE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM TO SLIP INTO THIS WEEK. DELIVERY IS EXPECTED BY TODAY AND IN ANY EVENT JCF AND DEA TECHNICIANS HAVE COMMENCED INSTALLATION OF TRANSCEIVERS INTO BOATS, AIRCRAFT, VEHICLES ETC. NOW ANTICIPATE BUCCANEER BASE TO BE FULLY OPERATIONAL BY 14 JULY.

B. RADAR: DEA'S AN/TPS-1D RADAR ARRIVED INTACT VIA MAC C-141 AIRCRAFT AT MONTEGO BAY ON JULY 4. IT WAS TRUCKED TO BUCCANEER BASE AND IS UNDERGOING TESTING. IT WILL COMMENCE OPERATIONAL TESTING THIS WEEK. INTEND TO EMPLOY THIS EQUIPMENT 24 HOURS 7 DAYS A WEEK WITH DOWN TIME FOR MAINTENANCE PROGRAMMED DURING A RELATIVELY SLACK PERIOD (YET TO BE DETERMINED) IN DAYLIGHT HOURS.

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FIRST PRIORITY OF EFFORT FOR THE RADAR IS DETECTION OF BOATS CLO-

SING THE NORTH COAST AT NIGHT. SECOND PRIORITY IS AGAINST AIRCRAFT.

C. AIRCRAFT

(1) FOUR DUAL QUALIFIED FIXED WING/HELICOPTER PILOTS ARRIVED THREE ON 26 JUNE AND ONE ON 1 JULY. THEY WERE INITIALLY ENGAGED

IN BRIEFINGS, ORIENTATION FLIGHTS, IN STUDYING FLIGHT MANUALS, AND GROUND SCHOOL. CHECKOUT FLYING COMMENCED 4 JULY. THEY HAVE THUS FAR ACCUMULATED 20.8 HOURS OF COCKPIT TIME. FLYING ASSIGNMENTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

SA CHRIS BRADLEY - TWIN OTTER AND BRITAIN NORMAN ISLANDER.

SA'S DEAN MAGERS AND VANCE HUFFMAN - BELL 212.

SA JOHN VANDEVER - BELL 206.

ANTICIPATE ALL WILL BE CHECKED OUT AS EITHER PILOTS OR CO-PILOTS THIS WEEK.

(2) NAVAJO. DEA'S NAVAJO WITH TWO PILOTS ARRIVED PALI-SADES AIRPORT 6 JULY. THIS AIRCRAFT WILL SERVE A DUAL FUNCTION INITIALLY; IT IS AVAILABLE TO THE INVESTIGATIONS GROUP FOR UNDERCOVER OPERATIONS; AND IT WILL BE TASKED TO FLY VISUAL SEARCH MISSIONS AROUND JAMAICA FLYING 10-25 MILES AT SEA. IT WILL REMAIN COVERT AS LONG AS POSSIBLE. ARRANGEMENTS FOR DISCREET COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN PILOTS AND CONTROL PERSONNEL HAVE BEEN MADE.

(3) UH-1F. REF MY REQUEST OF 2 JULY. THIS AIRCRAFT IS BADLY NEEDED. SEE ECVACUATION PARAGRAPH FOR REASONS.

D. BOATS

(1) MARINE POLICE. SACHASE ARRIVED JUNE 29 AND SA OLEARY

ARRIVED 5 JULY. B//X: DECATEUR H. AUSTIN USCG ARRIVE 7 JULY. DEPUTY COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ JCF PLACED THE MARINE POLICE COMPLETELY AT THEIR DISPOSAL. QESA CHASE MADE A SURVEY OF ALL BB.TS COMMITTED TO THE OPERATION AND HAS ORDERED VITALLY NEEDED PARTS FROM THE BERTRAM FACTORY TO BE AIR SHIPPED TO JAMAICA. TRAINING OF MARINE POLICE PERSONNEL COMMENCES THIS WEEK. THEIR WORK IS CUT OUT FOR THEM.

(2) SEA LION. THE BOAT HAS BEEN HULLED AND NECESSARY MECHANICAL REPAIRS MADE FOR ITS RUN TO GUANTANAMO BAY. SA GUILLORY ARRIVES TODAY. HE WILL CONDUCT SEA TRIALS AND WILL RUN THE BOAT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TO GTMO THIS WEEK UNDER COAST GUARD ESCORT. GTMO IS READY TO RECEIVE HER.

E. SENSORS

TECHNICIAN ROBERT BURCHELL HAS COMMENCED A GENERAL HELICOPTER SURVEY OF ALL AIRSTRIPS AND LANDING AREAS ON JAMAICA. SENSOR EQUIPMENT DELAYED IN TRANSIT FINALLY ARRIVED. BEST METHOD OF EMPLOYING THIS CAPABILITY IN VIEW OF LIMITED SENSOR AND REPEATER INVENTORY IS UNDER STUDY AND WILL BE RESOLVED THIS WEEK.

F. HOUSE TRAILERS.

THREE 60 X 12 FOOT DEA HOUSE TRAILERS ARRIVED IN KINGSTON. ARRANGEMENTS ARE BEING MADE TO MOVE THEM INTO POSITION AT UP PARK

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CAMP, PALISADOES AIRPORT, AND SANGSTER AIRPORT. THEY WILL BECOME COMMUNICATIONS CENTERS AND PILOT READY ROOMS FOR BUCCANEER OPS.

2. STATUS OF THE OPERATION

A. ERADICATION.

(1) PHASE ONE. SA DAVID WISER ARRIVED 23 JUNE. HE IS DEA'S REP IN THIS EFFORT. SA WISER HAS COMMENCED MAPPING OPERATIONS AND IS ASSISTING DR. WALTER GENTNER USDA WHO ARRIVED ON 30 JUNE

MR. NAYLOR, JAMAICAN DA IN HERBICIDE TESTING. LAST WEEK SAW HELICOPTER FLIGHTS INTO THE FIELDS. INCLUDING AN ORIENTATION FLIGHT FOR SELECTED MISSION STAFF MEMBERS. THE TEST MARIHUANA FIELD HAS BEEN SELECTED. ARRANGEMENTS FOR CONDUCTING TESTS ARE BEING FINALIZED TODAY. TESTS RAYING WITH PARAQUOT, GLYPHOSATE, AND DYES COMMENCES EARLY TUESDAY. DR. GENTNER'S PRELIMINARY SURVEY FINDINGS ARE THAT HELICOPTER SPRAYING WITH PARAQUOT IS PROBABLY THE BEST TACTIC. CONSIDERATIONS OF SAFETY HAVE BEEN WEIGHED AND WILL BE TESTED THIS WEEK. DR. GENTNER MET WITH AMBASSADOR GERARD

3 JULY AND DISCUSSED RAMIFICATIONS OF THIS EFFORT. ANTICIPATE
OPERATIONAL TESTING CAN COMMENCE NEXT WEEK. GOJ IS PLAGUED, AS ARE
WE, WITH POOR COMMERCIAL AIR DELIVERY SERVICE. SPRAY RIG FOR THE
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BELL 47G HELICOPTER SENT FROM OREGON OVER TWO WEEKS
AGO VIA AIR FREIGHT HAS NOT YET ARRIVED. TRACER ACTION HAS BEEN
INITIATED. ASSUMING IT ARRIVES AND CAN BE INSTALLED THIS WEEK,
HOPE TO CONDUCT INITIAL HELICOPTER SPRAY TESTS PRIOR TO DR.
GENTNER'S DEPARTURE 14 JULY. FULL SCALE ERADICATION OPERATIONS
COULD POSSIBLY COMMENCE WITHIN TWO OR THREE WEEKS. THEY CANNOT
COMMENCE UNTIL THREE ADDITIONAL TROOP LIFT AND ONE CONTROL
HELICOPTERS REQUESTED FROM DOD ARRIVE. ONLY THEN CAN JDF COMMIT
THEIR THREE BELL 212'S TO THE EFFORT. THEY WILL BE HARD PRESSED
TO DEDICATE ONE HELICOPTER TO THE OPERATIONAL TEST PHASE. IN THE
INTERIM, IF DEA'S UH-1F CAN BE COMMITTED TO THE OPERATION ASAP
SOME PRESSURE ON JDF'S MACHINES CAN BE RELIEVED. THEIR FLYING

PACE IS INCREASING WITH THE INCREASED BUCCANEER REQUIREMENTS.

(2) ON 6 JULY JCF DESTROYED A FIELD OF MARIHUANA AND CACHES
REPRESENTING SOME 10,000 LBS OF MARIHUANA. IT WAS A 22 HOUR OPER-
ATION IN WHICH THE PLANTS WERE PULLED UP, STACKED AND BURNED.
PLANTS WERE IN ALL STAGES OF GROWTH.

(3) ON JULY 1 JCF SEIZED 2000 LBS OF MARIJUANA AND SEVERAL
DEFENDENTS. DETAILS WILL FOLLOW.

B. SURVEILLANCE AND INTERDICTION. STILL GEARING UP.

C. INVESTIGATIONS.

(1) PROGRESSING SATISFACTORILY. AIRPORT DETAIL WILL BE ACTIV-
ATED THIS WEEK.

(2) ON 3 JULY, BASIL MILLER, A DEA FUGITIVE WAS ARRESTED IN
KINGSTON BY THE JCF WITH 1 OZ. COCAINE IN HIS POSSESSION.

3. ACCOMPLISHMENTS.

A. STATISTICAL BASE. SINCE THE ANTI CRIME CAMPAIGN WAS INI-
TIATED NUMEROUS SEIZURES AND ARRESTS HAVE BEEN MADE, SOME IN COOP-
ERATION WITH DEA, OTHERS UNILATERALLY. AN EFFORT HAS BEEN MADE TO
ESTABLISH A BASE LINE OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS THROUGH JUNE 30. IT
WILL BE REFINED AS MORE INFORMATION IS GLEANED FROM THE JAMAICAN
ADMINISTRATIVE SYSTEM. THIS PARAGRAPH WILL HENCEFORTH REPRESENT
CUMULATIVE TOTALS. WEEKLY ACCOMPLISHMENTS WHICH WILL BECOME PART
OF THIS TOTAL WILL BE SUMMARIZED INDIVIDUALLY IN THE PRE-
CEDING THREE PARAGRAPHS. STATISTICS THROUGH JUNE 30 FOLLOW:

MARIHUANA SEIZED/DESTROYED	59,900 LBS
MARIHUANA SEED SEIZED/DESTROYED	5,200 LBS

COCAINE SEIZED	3 LBS
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AIRCRAFT SEIZED/DESTROYED	5
BOATS SEIZED	1
MONEY SEIZED	\$59,600
DEFENDANTS	14
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